

## Editorial

The 9th WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education of the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE), under the central theme *Effective Methods in Engineering and Technology Education*, was inaugurated at Cinnamon Residence in Bangkok, Thailand. Preliminary registrations commenced on 19 February and the Conference continued until 23 February 2018. Close to forty WIETE members, associates and sympathisers registered at the Conference and most of them attended. As has become traditional practice, the Opening Ceremony was held on the second day of the Conference, with the WIETE Director, Professor Zenon J. Pudlowski presiding. Professor Andrew Nafalski of the University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia and President of the WIETE-IAAC officially opened the Conference. Then, Professor Adinarayana Kalanidhi, Vice-Chairman of the Commonwealth Science and Technology Academy for Research (C-STAR), Chennai, India, and the Immediate Past-President of WIETE-IAAC, presented a welcoming address.

Four opening addresses were presented during the Opening Ceremony with Professor A. Nafalski chairing the presentation session. The addresses were given by Associate Professor Maurice M. Danaher of Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; Professor Adinarayana Kalanidhi, Vice-Chairman, Commonwealth Science and Technology Academy for Research (C-STAR), Chennai, India; Dr Magdalena Celadyn, *Jan Matejko* Academy of Fine Arts, Kraków, Poland; and Professor Ľubica Vitková, Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia.

The WIETE made an editorial decision to publish Conference paper contributions in two consecutive issues of the World Transactions on Engineering and Technology Education (WTE&TE). Some articles appeared in Vol.15, No.4 (2017), and Vol.16, No.1 (2018) contains the remaining articles presented at the Conference, along with some regular articles submitted for publication in this issue. This issue of the WTE&TE consists of 16 articles that have come from countries, such as the Indonesia (5), Poland (5), Colombia (2), one article from each of Malaysia and Slovakia, and two joint articles, one from Indonesia/Malaysia and the other from Indonesia/Japan.

Work is in progress on the organisation of the *2018 Conference on Engineering and Architecture Design Education* to take place at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia, between 11 and 14 June 2018. Under the joint patronage of the Faculty of Architecture at Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Bratislava, Slovakia, and the Faculty of Architecture, Cracow University of Technology, Kraków, Poland, in collaboration with the World Institute for Engineering and Technology Education (WIETE), the Conference will provide participants with the opportunity to interact on all aspects of engineering and architecture design education, and including interactions, such as workshops, team work, panel debates, group discussions and individual presentations. These will be led and aided by several eminent international keynote speakers, leaders from the specific areas of interest. It is envisaged that a special workshop for doctoral students will be held during the Conference.

WIETE members, associates and sympathisers are cordially invited to propose a paper and attend the Conference. The Conference announcement, including a call for paper and other contributions, can be found at the following address: [https://www.fa.stuba.sk/wiete2018.html?page\\_id=6585](https://www.fa.stuba.sk/wiete2018.html?page_id=6585)

In conclusion, I wish to thank the authors for their contributions to the 9th WIETE Annual Conference on Engineering and Technology Education and look forward to getting their valuable contributions to the forthcoming Conference in Bratislava. It is my pleasure to express our gratitude to the WIETE editorial team that on this occasion included Dr Dianne Q. Nguyen, Mrs Dorota I. Pudlowski, Mrs Krystyna Wareing and Dr Ian R. Dobson, for their invaluable assistance in the publication of this issue. Also, sincere thanks are directed to the referees for their prompt and speedy assessment of the articles.

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